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The Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr.
Secretary of the Navy
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gates,

I understand that Naval Reserve Flag Selection Boards are tentatively scheduled to be convened during the Fall of 1958 for line and staff corps categories in which vacancies exist, to consider eligible officers on inactive duty and reserve officers on active duty in the active reserve program.

I should like to recommend that careful attention be given to the outstanding record and qualifications of Captain James A. Garrison, USNR-R, who for the past several years has commanded

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Captain Garrison has filled a key position as a major office head, Director of Logistics, GS-16, in the Agency for a number of years, and has consistently demonstrated outstanding abilities and executive talents. His loyalty and devotion to the Navy is, of course, common knowledge within the Agency. Despite the heavy burden of the duties and responsibilities of the high position which he occupies here, he has devoted much of his own free time and effort not only to the constant improvement of his Naval Reserve Unit, but also to increasing his own professional Naval Officer capacities and capabilities. Obviously, this has increased his value not only to the Navy but also to this Agency. I understand that the following specific courses have been completed:

1. 1952 -- the Economic Mobilization Correspondence Course conducted by the Industrial College of the Armed Forces;
2. 1953 -- the Senior Reserve Officers Refresher Course and Global Strategy Discussions;
3. 1954 -- the United States Naval War College Correspondence Course in Logistics;

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4. 1954-5-- the National Resources Conference conducted by the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Toledo, Ohio;
5. 1956 -- the Psychological Warfare School Officer Orientation Course of the Department of the Army;
6. 1957 -- the Industrial Relations Seminar for Reserve Officers sponsored by the Chief of Industrial Relations of the Sixth Naval District;
7. 1958 -- the Special Forces Officer Orientation Course of the Special Warfare School of the Department of the Army;

the Department of the Navy Correspondence Course in Contract Law, which he is presently completing.

This continuous demonstration of interest and desire for additional professional capacity has been reflected in the recent excellent rating of our Naval Reserve Unit as to its administration and training program.

As evidenced by the position and grade which he holds in this Agency, I regard Captain Garrison as being eminently qualified in personal character, executive ability, and leadership for advancement to flag officer rank. Although I am less familiar with his professional Navy qualifications, I commend him for his known devotion to duty and leadership with our active ready reserve unit, and unhesitatingly recommend his promotion to flag rank in the Naval Reserve whenever he meets the established criteria for such advancement.


Sincerely,

SIGNED

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Deputy Director

CONCUR:

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

The attached proposed letter to the Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr., Secretary of the Navy, recommends the promotion of Captain James A. Garrison, an Agency employee, to flag rank in the Naval Reserve whenever he meets the established criteria for such advancement.

Recommend signature.



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